

West Hartlepool
March 19th 1886

Thomas Phillips

Captain J. Moore, Marine

Superintendent on behalf of the Owner,
M^r. A. Stuart, surveyor while lying afloat
in the Jackson Dock, at this Port, the
Iron Screw Steamer "Charles Howard" of
Sunderland 844 Tons Register, - Dugley
Master, for the purpose of ascertaining
the extent of the damage, stated to
have been caused by fire, at
Antwerp on the 14 September 1885.

For further particulars as
to the cause of the damage, see the
Log Book.

On the 23rd & 24th September 1885, found
on examination, on the Spar Deck,
just before & abaft the stokehold
bulkhead, that, the under side of
wood deck over a length of about
thirty two feet, and the entire breadth
of the vessel was burnt, three deck
beams were buckled, and two fore
& aft tie plates over a length of
twenty

gunwales on each side, were buckled & distorted by the fire, one stringer plate was slightly bent, and one lead snapper on each side was destroyed.

In the tween decks, the wood coaming of No 3 hatchway, twenty four deck planks, a wood athwartship bulkhead three inches thick, & a trunk bulkhead four feet square, leading from No 3 hatch to athwartship bunker were burnt, three pillars were bent, the wood casing round telegraph was destroyed & telegraph wires broken for a length of seventy feet, the lining of Engine Room bulkhead was burnt, and one plate in the bulkhead over the donkey boiler was buckled. The wood fore & afters & the hatches of the two hatchways leading to after part of fore main hold & cross bunker were burnt, and a considerable quantity of water & dirt had accumulated in the fore hold, and part of the cargo had found its way under the casing on the ballast tank top & into the timbers, & two lower deck fore & aft tie plates were buckled for a length of sixteen feet.

The following articles were reported, as missing or destroyed viz:—
ninety feet of leather deck hose,
six hatch tarpaulins, six boat sails
one coil of four inch hemp rope, and
one half

